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A community pulls together as the lava continues to disrupt lives and communications

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Lava was seen from the end of Pohoiki Road on Tuesday. Below, a community meeting was held Tuesday evening to inform residents about the eruptions in and around Leilani Estates in Puna. Steve Brantley, deputy scientist-in-charge at Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, answered questions from attendees.

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>> PAHOA

On a day when new Hawaii island communities lost a major highway, electricity and cell service because of expanding lava flows, Mayor Harry Kim told a gathering that included many of those affected that they will get through this ordeal.

"What is happening in Lower Puna today is something no one alive in the world today has ever experienced, because we're talking about things (past area lava flows) that occurred in the 1700s and 1800s," he said. "Nature is taking its course, and this is our job: Our job is to recognize that, stay out of harm's way, and help each other through this adjustment."

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The crowd of more than 350 people at Pahoa High School responded with applause, as well as appreciation for what an enormous arrangement of scientists, public safety officers, utility operators and government leaders are doing to help.

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Officials urge safety after 4 work-related deaths this month

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A surge in fatal and serious industrial accidents is prompting state officials to warn the public about safety in the workplace.

There were four fatalities and several serious injuries including amputations and burns from falls, slips, trips and contact with equipment during a 20-day period in May, according to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. That compares with six fatalities in all of 2016, the latest data available; six in 2015; and 10 in 2014.

Besides the four deaths this month, there were two other work-related fatalities this year. The state Occupational Safety and Health Division is investigating the accidents to "help ensure that employers are providing a safe work environment to their employees and are complying with safety and health laws."

"This surge in serious industrial accidents is a harsh reminder for employers and workers to think about safety when taking any work actions," DLIR Director Leonard Hoshijo said in a news release. "While there's no apparent connection between the accidents, all employers should examine conditions at their workplaces, safety policies, training and monitoring. Workers need to think safety and avoid taking unsafe shortcuts to get a job done."

Hawaii Electric Light Co. employee Lyle Kaaihili of Waikoloa was killed May 2 when a heavy equipment boom holding a utility pole collapsed and struck the 52-year-old, who was replacing the pole in Paauilo on Hawaii island. On May 3 a 24-year-old man died after falling out of a forklift that tipped over at the Geobunga warehouse in Kakaako.

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